GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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INDIAN MEDICINE SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to encourage the medicine system like Ayurvedic, Unani, Siddha and others;

(b) whether there is a fool-proof administrative method to have all Indian medicine systems under the control of a single Department; and

(c) if not, the manner in which the Government propose to provide conducive atmosphere for modern scientific research in these medical systems?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SH SHANMUGAM)
(a)to(c):The Government is already taking a number of steps for systematic development of Indian Systems of Medicine & Homoeopathy i.e. Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy systems and drugless therapies like yoga and naturopathy. A separate Department of ISM&H has been created in March, 1995 in the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, for the development and promotion of these systems including conducting research with scientific parameters.